

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park & Preserve

April 2017



PROGRAMS BELOW HAPPEN EVERY WEEK ON THE DAYS SHOWN. See other side for program descriptions and special events.

NATIONAL PARK WEEK IS SATURDAY, APRIL 15, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - see other side in the “Special Events” section.

For more information or upcoming months, visit www.nps.gov/jela

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
national cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am, noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm CB (no tours Sunday, April 16) wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB	Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB Cajun music jam 5:00-6:15pm WACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm WACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm WACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am WACC wetlands walk 10:00am BP Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am ACC Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB ranger talk 2:45pm ACC	riverfront history stroll 9:30am FQ Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon PACC national cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am, noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm CB wetlands walk 10:00am BP Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am CB Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:00pm PACC Battle of New Orleans talk 2:45pm CB folklife demonstrations noon-6:00pm PACC Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm PACC

Site Locations & Days/Times of Operation

ACC – Acadian Cultural Center, 501 Fisher Road, **Lafayette**, 337-232-0789 ext. 201. Open Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm and Saturday 8:30am-noon. Free admission.

BP – Barataria Preserve, 6588 Barataria Blvd., **Marrero**, 504-689-3690 ext. 10. Visitor center open Wednesday-Sunday 9:30am-4:30pm. Gates to parking lots open for trail access every day 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission.

CB – Chalmette Battlefield and Chalmette National Cemetery, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy., **Chalmette**, 504-281-0510. Open daily 9:00am-4:00pm. Free admission.

FQ – French Quarter Visitor Center, 419 Decatur Street, **New Orleans**, 504-589-3882 ext. 221. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00am-4:30pm. Free admission.

PACC – Prairie Acadian Cultural Center, 250 West Park Avenue, **Eunice**, 337-457-8499. Open Wednesday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-6:00pm. Free admission.

WACC – Wetlands Acadian Cultural Center, 314 Saint Mary St., **Thibodaux**, 985-448-1375. Open Monday-Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm and Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. Free admission.

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Program Descriptions

Battle of New Orleans talk 10:45am and 2:45pm Discover 1815's Battle of New Orleans at the place where it happened. Time is approximate; talk takes place when *Creole Queen* excursion boat arrives. Free. **CB**

Bayou Lafourche boat tour 10:00am Ranger-guided cruise (weather permitting) along Bayou Lafourche to Madewood Plantation (Monday and Friday) or E.D. White Plantation Home and Museum (Wednesday). Call for required reservations and ticket prices. Through Wednesday, May 31. **WACC**

Bayou Vermilion boat tour 10:30am Cruise Bayou Vermilion with a ranger in a traditional Louisiana boat (weather permitting). Departs from Vermilionville Heritage & Folklife Park, right next to the Acadian Cultural Center. Call Vermilionville at 337-233-4077 ext. 199 for required reservations and ticket prices. Through Friday, May 26. **ACC**

Cajun Conversations 1:00-2:00pm Speak and learn basic conversational Cajun French. Free. **PACC**

Cajun music jam 5:00-6:15pm Sit in with local musicians or just enjoy! Free. **WACC**

Cercle Francophone 5:30-7:00pm Come pass a good time speaking French (Cajun or otherwise) and help preserve French in Louisiana. Free. **WACC**

Explore & Restore crafts for kids 10:00am-noon Kids of all ages are invited to create unique crafts from castoffs, leftovers, and throwaways. A parent or guardian must remain with children six and under. Free. **PACC**.

Folklife demonstrations noon-6:00pm Discover the Cajun way of music, dancing, cooking, and more. Quilting demonstration noon-3:00pm. Cajun music and dancing begins at 2:45pm. Cooking demonstration begins at 4:00pm. Free. **PACC**

Historic Thibodaux walking tour 2:00pm Take a one-mile ranger-guided walk through local history. Free. **WACC**

National cemetery tour 10:00am, 11:00am, noon, 1:00pm, 2:00pm (no tours Sunday, April 16) Walk Chalmette National Cemetery to discover its history and hear the stories of some of the thousands buried there, including Buffalo Soldiers. Meet at front porch of the old cemetery superintendent's lodge (two-story brick building just inside cemetery gate). Free. **CB**

Ranger talk 2:45pm Rangers share local history and culture. Free. **ACC**

Rendez-vous des Cajuns 6:00pm –Live Cajun and zydeco music at the historic Liberty Theater next door to center. Ticket information and band listings at www.eunice-la.com or 337-457-7389. **PACC**

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Riverfront history stroll 9:30am Walk along the Mississippi River levee for a bird's eye view of the French Quarter and an overview of New Orleans history. 25 free tickets given out at 9:00am; first-come, first-served. Due to French Quarter Fest Thursday-Saturday, April 6-8, the walk will be replaced with a ranger talk in center's courtyard; no tickets needed. Free. **FQ**

Wetlands walk 10:00am Explore wild Louisiana on a ranger-guided walk through swamp and marsh. Due to Spring in the Swamp Friday-Sunday, April 14-16, no 10:00am walk but other walks and activities scheduled (see below). Free. **BP**



Special Events

Qigong class –Saturday, April 1 8:00-9:00am – ACC Bend, stretch, and breathe as certified instructor Dennis Wise leads exercise based on ancient Chinese system outdoors on center grounds. Free.

Dulcimer Jam –Saturday, April 8 9:30-11:00am – ACC Join the Cajun Dulcimer Society and its core group, the Lagniappe Dulcimer Society from Baton Rouge for dulcimer music: Cajun, country, Celtic, folk, and hymns. Bring an acoustic instrument and join in or just enjoy. Free.

Volunteer Month at Chalmette National Cemetery – Monday, April 10 through Thursday, April 27 – CHAL Serve those who served for us and learn preservation skills with a volunteer project to clean, realign, and document headstones at Chalmette National Cemetery. Groups, families, and individuals are welcome. Learn more and register to participate at savingplaces.org/Chalmette. Free.

Spring in the Swamp – Friday-Sunday, April 14-16 10:00am-2:00pm - BARA Nature lovers of all ages celebrate spring with wildflowers, birds, and alligators. Explore the trailside touch table, discover swamp critters with dipnets, have fun at the Junior Ranger Zone. Guided trail walks at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Free.

National Park Week

- **Junior Ranger Day – Saturday, April 15 – FQ** Explore activity stations, dress up for the Ranger Photobooth, and learn about YOUR national parks. Free.
- **National Park Week – Tuesday-Saturday, April 18-22 – ACC** Discover YOUR national parks: Tuesday is History Day, Wednesday is Yellowstone Day, Thursday is National Park Trivia Day, Friday is Got Park? Day; Tuesday-Friday excerpts of Ken Burns' PBS series "America's Best Idea" at 2:30pm. On Saturday, Earth Day fun will include film "Leave No Trace," a Junior Ranger scavenger hunt, and hands-on activities. Free.
- **Crescent City Culinaire Series Folklife Foodways Tour - Thursday, April 20 1:00-3:00pm – FQ** Discover local culinary traditions on a ranger-led walk in the French Quarter (the tour serves up plenty of history but no food). Free but space limited so reservations required; sign up at the French Quarter Visitor Center or by calling 504-589-3882 ext. 227.
- **Park Rx Day Yoga Flash Mob – Sunday, April 23 9:30-11:30am – Audubon Park, 6500 Magazine St., New Orleans** Breathe, stretch, and smile. Wear comfy clothes; bring water bottle; yoga mat optional. Free.